

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Kazuko SHINOZAKI *et al.*

Title: **PRODUCTION OF PLANTS HAVING IMPROVED ROOTING  
EFFICIENCY AND VASE LIFE USING STRESS-RESISTANCE GENE**

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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116**

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Sir:

The present communication is responsive to the final Office action dated March 1, 2010, concerning the captioned application. This response is timely filed by the first, extendible reply deadline of June 1, 2010.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

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